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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 23, 2002

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT

**PROVISIONAL ELECTION**

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action dated December 4, 2002,  
please enter the following Provisional Election.

In the Examiner's Action dated December 4, 2002, the Examiner  
indicated that an Election to one of the following "species" was  
required:

- I. Claims 25-31, drawn to a method of making float glass,  
classified in class 65, subclass 90.
- II. Claims 32-44, drawn to float glass, classified in class 501,  
subclass 11.

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In response to the election requirement, Applicants hereby respond as follows:

The requirement for election set forth in the Action is hereby expressly traversed, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement are respectfully requested.

It is submitted that the above-listed Species I and II are so closely related to one another that their examination could be most efficiently and effectively carried out in a single application.

However, in the event the election requirement is maintained, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Species II for prosecution in the present application. Presently, Claims 32-44 all appear to apply to Species II.

It is respectfully requested that an action on the merits be issued at an early date.

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